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SUBJECT: URANIUM ENRICHMENT CONTRACT WITH FRENCH CEA

1. ON JUNE 5, 1974, AEC/BRUSSELS MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM FRENCH CEA, EDF, AND EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY AND RECEIVED A FIRM REQUEST FOR A 10-YEAR ENRICHMENT CONTRACT TO COVER RELOADS REQUIREMENTS FOR SIX TO EIGHT POWER REACTORS. IT IS DEFINITE THAT THE FRENCH HAVE DECIDED TO CONTRACT FOR RELOADS FROM THE USAEC FOR SIX REACTORS AND A DECISION TO INCLUDE RELOADS FOR TWO ADDITIONAL REACTORS WILL BE MADE BY MID-JUNE. THE SEPARATE WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR RELOADS FOR SIX REACTORS WILL BE 720,000 SWU/YEAR FROM 1979 THRU 1988. IF THE DECISION IS MADE TO INCLUDE RELOADS FOR TWO ADDITIONAL REACTORS, FIRM COMMITMENTS WILL BE 720,000 SWU FOR 1979 AND 960,000 SWU/YEAR FROM 1980 THRU 1988.

2. THE INITIAL CORES FOR THE SIX TO EIGHT REACTORS WILL BE SUPPLIED BY THE USAEC UNDER CONTRACT UES/EU/34 DURING THE 1974-1978 PERIOD. THE THE FRENCH PREFER NOT TO IDENTIFY THE SIX TO EIGHT REACTORS IN THE RELOAD CONTRACT BUT WILL DO SO IF REQUESTED BY USAEC. THEY ARGUE THAT THE 2.4 MILLION SWU IN CONTRACT UES/EU/34

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IS SUFFICIENT FOR EIGHT CORES AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE

REACTORS SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY.

3. THE CUSTOMER WILL BE THE FRENCH CEA AND THE CONTRACT WILL BE CONCURRED IN BY THE EURATOM SUPPLY AGENCY.

4. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT BODY OF CONTRACT AND TWO VERSIONS OF APPENDIX A BE PREPARED IN FINAL FORM (ONE WITH RELOADS FOR SIX REACTORS AND THE OTHER WITH RELOADS FOR EIGHT REACTORS) AND FORWARDED TO BRUSSELS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WITH AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH BOTH VERSIONS OF APPENDIX A. THE FRENCH HAVE NOT PREPARED AN APPENDIX B AND PREFER NOT TO SUBMIT ONE TO THE USAEC UNTIL FOUR YEARS PRIOR TO INITIAL DELIVERY OF ENRICHED PRODUCT.

5. COMMENT: THE ENRICHMENT SERVICE FOR THE FRENCH UNDER THE ABOVE CONTRACT WOULD CLOSELY APPROACH THE 1000 TONS PER YEAR THAT EURODIF HAS CONTRACTED TO PROVIDE TO JAPAN DURING 1980-1990 PERIOD. GREENWALD

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